### GENERAL NOTES

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#### THE WESTERN GREBE IN OHIO.

On Tuesday morning, October 28th, 1913, while passing Lake Glacier in Mill Creek Park, near Youngstown, Ohio, I observed a Grebe on the lake, which I was satisfied was the Western Grebe (*Aechmophorus occidentalis*). I consulted Mr. Volney Rogers, the park superintendent, and he agreed with me that the appearance of the Western Grebe in this locality was of sufficient importance to justify the taking of this bird, and on Thursday, October 30th, I shot it. The skin of this Western Grebe is now at the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh, Pa.

#### GEORGE L. FORDYCE.

THE CARDINAL ARRIVES AT LANSING, IOWA.—In a report of the northward advance of the Cardinal, which I gave in the last number of Wilson Bulletin, it was stated that the Cardinal had not yet reached Lansing. My correspondent at that place, Miss Martha H. Hemenway, writes me under date of November 11, 1913: "The Cardinals have visited us at last, or at least this is the first sight of them I have ever had here. A few days ago I noticed some strange birds in the trees quite high up, but not near enough to be sure of their beings Cardinals. Later I saw some on the river bank and watched them closely until they flew; one came near me, and then I had no doubt of them, as they showed a flash of color, which identified them without question."

This extends the range of this species to a point within a few miles of the northern boundary of Iowa. Their first appearance in new territory, almost without exception, has been in the cold months of the year.

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## Correspondence

Editor The Wilson Bulletin:

DEAR SIR—If you can spare me a little of your valuable space in the Bulletin, I should very much like to invite the attention of ornithologists to the work just published by Mr. Jno. Henry Gurney, of Keswick Hall, Norwich, England, entitled "The Gannet, a Bird with a History." This beautiful volume, so perfect in all the requirements of book manufacture. is from the presses of Messrs. Witherby and Company (326 High Holborn, London), and it is most assuredly not only, a credit to that House, but entirely worthy of the pen and labor of its distinguished author.